following measures to boost the trade:

(i) Organisation of trade Fairs & Exhibitiuons, exchange of political and offficial level delegations, intensifying marketing efforts etc.

(ii) Greater exchange of specialised business delegations between India and selected West African countries

(iii) Considering the possibility of utilising the forum of Indo-French Joint Commisssion for making in-roads into the (Francophone) West Africa

Bye-Pass on National Highways in Goa

4929. SHRI HARISH NARYAN PRABHU ZANTYE. Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Government propose to construct any bye-pass to National Highways in Goa dunng 1992-93; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGTDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

Trade with SAARC countries

4930. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to build closer ties with other third world countries so as to fight a better international economic order;

(b) if so, whether India's trade with SAARC countries have increased during the last year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Efforts are being made to strengthen economic and commercial ties with all countries.

(b) and (c). The details of trade with the SAARC countries during the fiscal year 1990-91 as compared to the corresponding year 1989-90 are given below:

(Rs. in Crores)

	19 89-90	*1990-91*
Exports	696.96	957.06
Imports	102 10	235.77
Balance of Trade	(+) 594.86	(+) 721.29

(Source: D G C.I.S., Calcutta)

Trade with Commonwealth of Independent States

4931. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether trade between India and the Commonewealth of Independent States will no longer be through the centralised account with the bank for foreign trade of the former Soviet Union;

(b) whether the Government propose to close all trading accounts with the Soviet Union and re-open these in the names of the newly independent republics; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.